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SUBJ: LUIS ESTEBAN REY COMMENTS ON SECRETARY'S LATIN  
AMERICAN STATEMENTS AND ACTIONS

1. FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMENTATOR LUIS ESTEBAN REY WROTE IN HIS COLUMN IN EL UNIVERSAL MARCH 8. THAT THERE IS "NO WELL FOUNDED REASONS WHY KISSINGER'S STATEMENTS, EITHER THOSE MADE IN MACUTO OR TO THE CONGRESS (ON MARCH 5) SHOULD BE REGARDED AS A THREAT AGAINST VENEZUELA, OR INTENDED TO UNDERCUT SELA. REY COMPLAINED THAT THE FULL TEXTS OF THESE STATEMENTS BY THE SECRETARY HAD NOT BE DISSEMINATED IN VENEZUELA AND HE QUOTED EXTENSIVELY WHAT THE SECRETARY HAD SAID ABOUT SELA.

2. CONCERNING BRAZIL, REY HIGHLIGHTED THE SECRETARY'S DEFENSE OF THE U.S. BRAZIL AGREEMENT IN HIS TESTIMONY BEFORE CONGRESS AND SEEMED TO ACCEPT MANY OF THE SECRETARY'S ARGUMENTS. REY NOTED THAT THE SECRETARY HAD INSISTED THAT STRENGTHENING UNILATERAL RELATIONS SPECIFICALLY WITH CERTIAN COUNTRIES DOES NOT DIMINISH THE FEELING OF SOLIDARITY WHICH THE US. HAS WITH LATIN AMERICA, OR ITS WILL TO WORK THROUGH LATIN AMERICAN INSTITUTIONS. WROTE REY "EVERYTHING THAT KISSINGER SAYS OR GURANTEES REGARDING THE (U.S.-BRAZILIAN) AGREEMENT WILL ONLY BE DEMONSTRATED BY THE FACTS AND BY THE ATTITUDE BRAZIL WILL TAKE WITHIN SELA." CONTINUED REY, "THE US. IS INTERESTED IN COLOSE RELATIONS WITH THE FIRST POWER IN LATIN AMERICA RULED BY A STABLE AND  
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AUTHORITARIAN GOVERNMENT. WHAT IS CERTIAN IS THAT BRAZIL SEEMS

VERY MUCH ATTACHED TO A POLICY OF RELATIONS WITH AND SUPPORT  
FOR THE THIRD WORLD. AT THE NORTH-SOUTH MEETING IN PARIS  
BRAZIL EXPRESSED ITSELF POSITIVELY IN TERMS OF THE INTEREST  
OF THOSE COUNTRIES. A POLICY OF THIS KIND NECESSARILY  
LINKS IT TO THE NATIONS OF LATIN AMERICA IN JOINT ACTIONS."  
REY HOPED THE SECRETARY WILL DEFINE THE U.S. POSITION ON  
"THE PROBLEMS OF THE HEMISPHERE" BEFORE THE OAS FOREIGN MINIS-  
TERS. "THEN WE CAN APPRECIATE WASHINGTON'S TRUE INTENTIONS,  
AND TO WHAT EXTENT THEY GO BEYOND MERE KISSINGER REHTORIC."  
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